

on for raising money. It was adopted, as suggested and carried out on paper completely, but has failed to materialize even with its most earnest advocates.

From whence arises the difficulty? Is it with the taught or the teachers? Have written the teachers regarding the matter as suggested by Dist. Secretary and have been able to elicit but from two any response whatever. One was encouraging and the other plainly stated that nothing need be expected from their congregation. What is to be done? Shall the work cease? At several points visited members have been lost to us from simply neglecting to manifest any interest in their welfare. We have succeeded in locating one brother in a field of labor. Have another brother willing to accept a field as soon as one can be worked up for him.

Meet with encouragement everywhere in the work, but brethren something must be done to help bear the burden of the work. If prosecuted the Dist. will be involved in debt and Evangelistic work will be abandoned entirely. Such reflections are not pleasant to one who has stood by the cause of Dist. work ever since its inception and earnestly prays that it may not be neglected or abandoned.

A. J. HIXON.

May 4, Rockwell City, Kas.

Important Announcement

To the Brethren church of Pa.—The annual conference, with State Sunday school convention, will be held in the Philadelphia brethren church, 10th street below Dauphin, beginning June 7, 1898. The Philadelphia church will arrange the program, set forth its plans and arrangements, as expeditiously as possible.

W. L. SPANOGLE, Moderator.
Roaring Springs, Pa.

Dayton, Ohio

The little band of church workers among the Brethren who compose the Dayton Mission have good reason to rejoice. Their prayers have been heard and answered. We now have a minister located in our midst. Brother Copp has moved his family to Dayton, and has begun work with the zeal of one who intends fighting manfully against the strongholds of sin in our city. He has preached us several very encouraging sermons and has been present at our Sunday school and prayer-meeting rendering us good help and in every way seems to be the right man in the right place.

We certainly regretted very much to part with our dear brother J. M. Tombaugh but we console ourselves with the promise that "All things work together for good." Our dear heavenly Father knows the needs of his children in all places and conditions and we should be perfectly willing to trust to his wisdom and goodness and feel that he who knows the fall of a sparrow takes heed of all our hopes and fears and in His tender compassion will be merciful in all our weakness and help us to resist all temptation or make a way of escape.

And now dear brethren, sisters, we again ask an interest in your prayers. Brother Copp intends beginning a series of meetings soon and we humbly ask the prayers of all God's people that he may be the instrument in the hands of the giver of every good and perfect gift of doing much good in Dayton.

CHARLOTTE T. BOND.

Gleanings From The Wayside

While we pen these few thoughts the village is wrapped in slumber the curtains of night have shrouded us in darkness, except for the arch electric glow that measurably dispels the gloom. The great searchlight of the Holy Spirit will light up the soul that has been so long overwhelmed in the darkness of sin and lead in the way of all truth.

Our communion at Maple Grove was largely attended by both members and spectators. The best of order prevailed in the house and outside where there was a large crowd that could not gain admittance. A deep spiritual interest was manifest, joy to some and sorrow to others. Some were with us for the first time in the ordinance service and others that were with us before were absent from this service. They have crossed the mystic river, they will not come to these our earthly services only in the fond remembrance we have of them hoping to meet them in the reunion at Home.

"Will you be ready when he comes?" May the God of Nations rule and ever rule that peace may soon be restored and joy reign supreme.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Floyd, Va.

Perhaps it may be of interest to see a few lines from one who has done but little but still keeps digging around the vines. We are a little band of five and we have a great many disadvantages to labor under. We have no church to hold services in and the churches of the conservative Brethren would not be granted us if we were to ask to have a regular day and the school board has decided the school buildings shall not be used for public worship but we are determined to continue on in the Master's service for it's joyous and not grievous. We will love our cross daily in looking for the crown. We are climbing life's ladder day by day it may seem to some ever so slow yet we are nearing the top and we hear the blessed assurance that we shall reap if we faint not and we are not doubting the promise. We are still gaining. We have an applicant from the Conservatives which we will receive shortly and the prospect is good that others will follow. We want a church at this place and the prospect is good. Will announce them later on. We are told to ask what we will and if we ask in faith believing we shall receive it; we are asking great things and we are expecting to receive great things for we have rich relations (Almighty God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.) Pray for us, yes for the cause of Christ.

W. J. SPANGLER.

Bethlehem Congregation, Va.

Dear Evangelist:—We are much pleased with our field of labor. There is a noble band of workers here. The church is well organized. In a financial way they are especially systematic which insures the pastor his money regularly. We are getting on a good financial basis and hope for brighter days.

Spiritually we think we stand here very well. Every service is grand and inspiring. The sister's Society is a success in every way. The Sunday-school goes on with a "vim and a snap" characteristic of these energetic people. The preaching services are well attended and all seem to enjoy them very much. We will have our prayer meeting just before each night service.

In a recent business meeting there was a deacon elected, and many items of interest considered for the future prosperity of the church. We use all the numbers of the Crowning Day in the song part of the service with brother J. H. Hall as the leader. Of course that insures that part of the service a success. I say they sing. We are now arranging for choir anthems, a grand collection of anthems which we hope will be an incentive for higher spiritual work.

With many good wishes we left the noble church of Pa., April 1, on account of bad health. My health has much improved. In fact I feel strong enough now to take up the sword and wield it daily, for which we feel very thankful to the great preserver of our lives.

Yours in the work.

J. I. HALL.

Harrisburg, Va.

Garrett, Ind. Auburn (Congregation)

Dear Evangelist. My pen has been silent for some time but we are still on praying ground and on interceding terms with the Father. Brother Jesse Calvert is our present pastor; he has been delivering some very able sermons to this community and our prayer is that his words may reach the hearts of many who are yet out of the fold.

A. S. BAKER, Sec.

Zion Hill Church, Ohio

Our regular business meeting on May 14 passed off pleasantly. In connection with the regular routine of business the old pastor was again engaged for another year by a unanimous vote. The communion will be on Monday evening, May 30, 1898 at 7 o'clock P. M. Preaching on Sunday previous, morning and evening.

WM. KIRFER.

Pleasant Home, Ohio.

Communion Notices

Communion services at the Lanark, Ill., church, Friday evening May 27. All are cordially invited to be with us who can.

Z. T. LIVENGOD.

Holy communion in the Salisbury church (Elk Lick, Somerset Co., Pa.) Sabbath